Verb	Meaning	Example
ask *someone* **out**	invite on a date	Brian **asked** Judy **out** to dinner and a movie.
ask around	ask many people the same question	I **asked around** but nobody has seen my wallet.
add up to *something*	equal	Your purchases **add up to** $205.32.
back *something* **up**	reverse	You'll have to **back up** your car so that I can get out.
back *someone* **up**	support	My wife **backed** me **up** over my decision to quit my job.
blow up	explode	The racing car **blew up** after it crashed into the fence.
blow *something* **up**	add air	We have to **blow** 50 balloons **up** for the party.
break down	stop functioning (vehicle, machine)	Our car **broke down** at the side of the highway in the snowstorm.
break down	get upset	The woman **broke down** when the police told her that her son had died.
break *something***down**	divide into smaller parts	Our teacher **broke** the final project **down**into three separate parts.
break in	force entry to a building	Somebody **broke in** last night and stole our stereo.
break into *something*	enter forcibly	The firemen had to **break into** the room to rescue the children.
break *something* **in**	wear something a few times so that it doesn't look/feel new	I need to **break** these shoes **in** before we run next week.
break in	interrupt	The TV station **broke in** to report the news of the president's death.

break up	end a relationship	My boyfriend and I **broke up** before I moved to America.
break up	start laughing (informal)	The kids just **broke up** as soon as the clown started talking.
break out	escape	The prisoners **broke out** of jail when the guards weren't looking.
break out in*something*	develop a skin condition	I **broke out in** a rash after our camping trip.
bring *someone* **down**	make unhappy	This sad music is **bringing** me **down**.
bring *someone* **up**	raise a child	My grandparents **brought** me **up** after my parents died.
bring *something* **up**	start talking about a subject	My mother walks out of the room when my father **brings up** sports.
bring *something* **up**	vomit	He drank so much that he **brought** his dinner **up** in the toilet.
call around	phone many different places/people	We **called around** but we weren't able to find the car part we needed.
call *someone* **back**	return a phone call	I **called** the company **back** but the offices were closed for the weekend.
call *something* **off**	cancel	Jason **called** the wedding **off** because he wasn't in love with his fiancé.
call on *someone*	ask for an answer or opinion	The professor **called on** me for question 1.
call on *someone*	visit someone	We **called on** you last night but you weren't home.
call *someone* **up**	phone	Give me your phone number and I will**call** you **up** when we are in town.
calm down	relax after being	You are still mad. You need to **calm**

	angry	**down** before you drive the car.
not **care for***someone/something*	not like (formal)	I don't **care for** his behaviour.
catch up	get to the same point as someone else	You'll have to run faster than that if you want to **catch up** with Marty.
check in	arrive and register at a hotel or airport	We will get the hotel keys when we**check in**.
check out	leave a hotel	You have to **check out** of the hotel before 11:00 AM.
check*someone/something***out**	look at carefully, investigate	The company **checks out** all new employees.
check out*someone/something*	look at (informal)	**Check out** the crazy hair on that guy!
cheer up	become happier	She **cheered up** when she heard the good news.
cheer *someone* **up**	make happier	I brought you some flowers to **cheer** you**up**.
chip in	help	If everyone **chips in** we can get the kitchen painted by noon.
clean *something* **up**	tidy, clean	Please **clean up** your bedroom before you go outside.
come across*something*	find unexpectedly	I **came across** these old photos when I was tidying the closet.
come apart	separate	The top and bottom **come apart** if you pull hard enough.
come down with*something*	become sick	My nephew **came down with** chicken pox this weekend.
come forward	volunteer for a task or to give evidence	The woman **came forward** with her husband's finger prints.
come fromsomewhere	originate in	The art of origami **comes from** Asia.

count on*someone/something*	rely on	I am **counting on** you to make dinner while I am out.
cross *something* **out**	draw a line through	Please **cross out** your old address and write your new one.
cut back on*something*	consume less	My doctor wants me to **cut back on**sweets and fatty foods.
cut *something* **down**	make something fall to the ground	We had to **cut** the old tree in our yard**down** after the storm.
cut in	interrupt	Your father **cut in** while I was dancing with your uncle.
cut in	pull in too closely in front of another vehicle	The bus driver got angry when that car**cut in**.
cut in	start operating (of an engine or electrical device)	The air conditioner **cuts in** when the temperature gets to 22°C.
cut *something* **off**	remove with something sharp	The doctors **cut off** his leg because it was severely injured.
cut *something* **off**	stop providing	The phone company **cut off** our phone because we didn't pay the bill.
cut *someone* **off**	take out of a will	My grandparents **cut** my father **off** when he remarried.
cut *something* **out**	remove part of something (usually with scissors and paper)	I **cut** this ad **out** of the newspaper.
do*someone/something***over**	beat up, ransack (Br.E., informal)	He's lucky to be alive. His shop was **done over** by a street gang.
do *something* **over**	do again (N.Amer.)	My teacher wants me to **do** my essay**over** because she doesn't like my topic.
do away with*something*	discard	It's time to **do away with** all of these old tax records.

do *something* **up**	fasten, close	**Do** your coat **up** before you go outside. It's snowing!
dress up	wear nice clothing	It's a fancy restaurant so we have to**dress up**.
drop back	move back in a position/group	Andrea **dropped back** to third place when she fell off her bike.
drop in/by/over	come without an appointment	I might **drop in/by/over** for tea sometime this week.
drop*someone/something***off**	take someone/something somewhere and leave them/it there	I have to **drop** my sister **off** at work before I come over.
drop out	quit a class, school etc	I **dropped out** of Science because it was too difficult.
eat out	eat at a restaurant	I don't feel like cooking tonight. Let's **eat out**.
end up	eventually reach/do/decide	We **ended up** renting a movie instead of going to the theatre.
fall apart	break into pieces	My new dress **fell apart** in the washing machine.
fall down	fall to the ground	The picture that you hung up last night**fell down** this morning.
fall out	separate from an interior	The money must have **fallen out** of my pocket.
fall out	(of hair, teeth) become loose and unattached	His hair started to **fall out** when he was only 35.
figure *something* **out**	understand, find the answer	I need to **figure out** how to fit the piano and the bookshelf in this room.
fill *something* **in**	to write information in blanks (Br.E.)	Please **fill in** the form with your name, address, and phone number.
fill *something* **out**	to write information in blanks (N.Amer.)	The form must be **filled out** in capital letters.

fill *something* **up**	fill to the top	I always **fill** the water jug **up** when it is empty.
find out	discover	We don't know where he lives. How can we **find out**?
find *something* **out**	discover	We tried to keep the time of the party a secret, but Samantha **found** it **out**.
get *something***across/over**	communicate, make understandable	I tried to **get** my point **across/over** to the judge but she wouldn't listen.
get along/on	like each other	I was surprised how well my new girlfriend and my sister **got along/on**.
get around	have mobility	My grandfather can **get around** fine in his new wheelchair.
get away	go on a vacation	We worked so hard this year that we had to **get away** for a week.
get away with*something*	do without being noticed or punished	Jason always **gets away with** cheating in his maths tests.
get back	return	We **got back** from our vacation last week.
get *something* **back**	receive something you had before	Liz finally **got** her Science notes **back**from my room-mate.
get back at *someone*	retaliate, take revenge	My sister **got back at** me for stealing her shoes. She stole my favourite hat.
get back into*something*	become interested in something again	I finally **got back into** my novel and finished it.
get on *something*	step onto a vehicle	We're going to freeze out here if you don't let us **get on** the bus.
get over *something*	recover from an illness, loss, difficulty	I just **got over** the flu and now my sister has it.
get over *something*	overcome a problem	The company will have to close if it can't**get over** the new regulations.

get round to*something*	finally find time to do (N.Amer.:**get around to** *something*)	I don't know when I am going to **get round to** writing the thank you cards.
get together	meet (usually for social reasons)	Let's **get together** for a BBQ this weekend.
get up	get out of bed	I **got up** early today to study for my exam.
get up	stand	You should **get up** and give the elderly man your seat.
give *someone* **away**	reveal hidden information about someone	His wife **gave** him **away** to the police.
give *someone* **away**	take the bride to the altar	My father **gave** me **away** at my wedding.
give *something* **away**	ruin a secret	My little sister **gave** the surprise party**away** by accident.
give *something* **away**	give something to someone for free	The library was **giving away** old books on Friday.
give *something* **back**	return a borrowed item	I have to **give** these skates **back** to Franz before his hockey game.
give in	reluctantly stop fighting or arguing	My boyfriend didn't want to go to the ballet, but he finally **gave in**.
give *something* **out**	give to many people (usually at no cost)	They were **giving out** free perfume samples at the department store.
give *something* **up**	quit a habit	I am **giving up** smoking as of January 1st.
give up	stop trying	My maths homework was too difficult so I **gave up**.
go after *someone*	follow someone	My brother tried to **go after** the thief in his car.
go after *something*	try to achieve something	I **went after** my dream and now I am a published writer.

go against *someone*	compete, oppose	We are **going against** the best soccer team in the city tonight.
go ahead	start, proceed	Please **go ahead** and eat before the food gets cold.
go back	return to a place	I have to **go back** home and get my lunch.
go out	leave home to go on a social event	We're **going out** for dinner tonight.
go out with *someone*	date	Jesse has been **going out with** Luke since they met last winter.
go over *something*	review	Please **go over** your answers before you submit your test.
go over	visit someone nearby	I haven't seen Tina for a long time. I think I'll **go over** for an hour or two.
go without *something*	suffer lack or deprivation	When I was young, we **went without**winter boots.
grow apart	stop being friends over time	My best friend and I **grew apart** after she changed schools.
grow back	regrow	My roses **grew back** this summer.
grow up	become an adult	When Jack **grows up** he wants to be a fireman.
grow out of*something*	get too big for	Elizabeth needs a new pair of shoes because she has **grown out of** her old ones.
grow into *something*	grow big enough to fit	This bike is too big for him now, but he should **grow into** it by next year.
hand *something* **down**	give something used to someone else	I **handed** my old comic books **down** to my little cousin.
hand *something* **in**	submit	I have to **hand in** my essay by Friday.
hand *something* **out**	to distribute to a	We will **hand out** the invitations at

	group of people	the door.
hand *something* **over**	give (usually unwillingly)	The police asked the man to **hand over**his wallet and his weapons.
hang in	stay positive (N.Amer., informal)	**Hang in** there. I'm sure you'll find a job very soon.
hang on	wait a short time (informal)	**Hang on** while I grab my coat and shoes!
hang out	spend time relaxing (informal)	Instead of going to the party we are just going to **hang out** at my place.
hang up	end a phone call	He didn't say goodbye before he **hung up**.
hold*someone/something***back**	prevent from doing/going	I had to **hold** my dog **back** because there was a cat in the park.
hold *something* **back**	hide an emotion	Jamie **held back** his tears at his grandfather's funeral.
hold on	wait a short time	Please **hold on** while I transfer you to the Sales Department.
hold onto*someone/something*	hold firmly using your hands or arms	**Hold onto** your hat because it's very windy outside.
hold*someone/something***up**	rob	A man in a black mask **held** the bank **up**this morning.
keep on doing*something*	continue doing	**Keep on** stirring until the liquid comes to a boil.
keep *something* **from***someone*	not tell	We **kept** our relationship **from** our parents for two years.
keep*someone/something***out**	stop from entering	Try to **keep** the wet dog **out** of the living room.
keep *something* **up**	continue at the same rate	If you **keep** those results **up** you will get into a great college.
let *someone* **down**	fail to support or help, disappoint	I need you to be on time. Don't **let** me**down** this time.
let *someone* **in**	allow to enter	Can you **let** the cat **in** before you go

		to school?
look after*someone/something*	take care of	I have to **look after** my sick grandmother.
look down on*someone*	think less of, consider inferior	Ever since we stole that chocolate bar your dad has **looked down on** me.
look for*someone/something*	try to find	I'm **looking for** a red dress for the wedding.
look forward to*something*	be excited about the future	I'm **looking forward to** the Christmas break.
look into *something*	investigate	We are going to **look into** the price of snowboards today.
look out	be careful, vigilant, and take notice	Look out! That car's going to hit you!
look out for*someone/something*	be especially vigilant for	Don't forget to **look out for** snakes on the hiking trail.
look *something* **over**	check, examine	Can you **look over** my essay for spelling mistakes?
look *something* **up**	search and find information in a reference book or database	We can **look** her phone number **up** on the Internet.
look up to *someone*	have a lot of respect for	My little sister has always **looked up** to me.
make *something* **up**	invent, lie about something	Josie **made up** a story about why we were late.
make up	forgive each other	We were angry last night, but we **made up** at breakfast.
make *someone* **up**	apply cosmetics to	My sisters **made** me **up** for my graduation party.
mix *something* **up**	confuse two or more things	I **mixed up** the twins' names again!
pass away	die	His uncle **passed away** last night

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		after a long illness.
pass out	faint	It was so hot in the church that an elderly lady **passed out**.
pass *something* **out**	give the same thing to many people	The professor **passed** the textbooks **out**before class.
pass *something* **up**	decline (usually something good)	I **passed up** the job because I am afraid of change.
pay *someone* **back**	return owed money	Thanks for buying my ticket. I'll **pay** you**back** on Friday.
pay for *something*	be punished for doing something bad	That bully will **pay for** being mean to my little brother.
pick *something* **out**	choose	I **picked out** three sweaters for you to try on.
point*someone/something***out**	indicate with your finger	I'll **point** my boyfriend **out** when he runs by.
put *something* **down**	put what you are holding on a surface or floor	You can **put** the groceries **down** on the kitchen counter.
put *someone* **down**	insult, make someone feel stupid	The students **put** the substitute teacher**down** because his pants were too short.
put *something* **off**	postpone	We are **putting off** our trip until January because of the hurricane.
put *something* **out**	extinguish	The neighbours **put** the fire **out** before the firemen arrived.
put *something***together**	assemble	I have to **put** the crib **together** before the baby arrives.
put up with*someone/something*	tolerate	I don't think I can **put up with** three small children in the car.
put *something* **on**	put clothing/accessories on your body	Don't forget to **put on** your new earrings for the party.

run into*someone/something*	meet unexpectedly	I **ran into** an old school-friend at the mall.
run over*someone/something*	drive a vehicle over a person or thing	I accidentally **ran over** your bicycle in the driveway.
run over/through*something*	rehearse, review	Let's **run over/through** these lines one more time before the show.
run away	leave unexpectedly, escape	The child **ran away** from home and has been missing for three days.
run out	have none left	We **ran out** of shampoo so I had to wash my hair with soap.
send *something* **back**	return (usually by mail)	My letter got **sent back** to me because I used the wrong stamp.
set *something* **up**	arrange, organize	Our boss **set** a meeting **up** with the president of the company.
set *someone* **up**	trick, trap	The police **set up** the car thief by using a hidden camera.
shop around	compare prices	I want to **shop around** a little before I decide on these boots.
show off	act extra special for people watching (usually boastfully)	He always **shows off** on his skateboard
sleep over	stay somewhere for the night (informal)	You should **sleep over** tonight if the weather is too bad to drive home.
sort *something* **out**	organize, resolve a problem	We need to **sort** the bills **out** before the first of the month.
stick to *something*	continue doing something, limit yourself to one particular thing	You will lose weight if you **stick to** the diet.
switch *something* **off**	stop the energy flow, turn off	The light's too bright. Could you **switch** it**off**.
switch *something* **on**	start the energy flow, turn on	We heard the news as soon as we**switched on** the car radio.

take after *someone*	resemble a family member	I **take after** my mother. We are both impatient.
take *something* **apart**	purposely break into pieces	He **took** the car brakes **apart** and found the problem.
take *something* **back**	return an item	I have to **take** our new TV **back** because it doesn't work.
take off	start to fly	My plane **takes off** in five minutes.
take *something* **off**	remove something (usually clothing)	**Take off** your socks and shoes and come in the lake!
take *something* **out**	remove from a place or thing	Can you **take** the garbage **out** to the street for me?
take *someone* **out**	pay for someone to go somewhere with you	My grandparents **took** us **out** for dinner and a movie.
tear *something* **up**	rip into pieces	I **tore up** my ex-boyfriend's letters and gave them back to him.
think back	remember (often + to, sometimes + on)	When I **think back** on my youth, I wish I had studied harder.
think *something* **over**	consider	I'll have to **think** this job offer **over**before I make my final decision.
throw *something***away**	dispose of	We **threw** our old furniture **away** when we won the lottery.
turn *something* **down**	decrease the volume or strength (heat, light etc)	Please **turn** the TV **down** while the guests are here.
turn *something* **down**	refuse	I **turned** the job **down** because I don't want to move.
turn *something* **off**	stop the energy flow, switch off	Your mother wants you to **turn** the TV**off** and come for dinner.
turn *something* **on**	start the energy, switch on	It's too dark in here. Let's **turn** some lights **on**.

turn *something* **up**	increase the volume or strength (heat, light etc)	Can you **turn** the music **up**? This is my favourite song.
turn up	appear suddenly	Our cat **turned up** after we put posters up all over the neighbourhood.
try *something* **on**	sample clothing	I'm going to **try** these jeans **on**, but I don't think they will fit.
try *something* **out**	test	I am going to **try** this new brand of detergent **out**.
use *something* **up**	finish the supply	The kids **used** all of the toothpaste **up** so we need to buy some more.
wake up	stop sleeping	We have to **wake up** early for work on Monday.
warm*someone/something***up**	increase the temperature	You can **warm** your feet **up** in front of the fireplace.
warm up	prepare body for exercise	I always **warm up** by doing sit-ups before I go for a run.
wear off	fade away	Most of my make-up **wore off** before I got to the party.
work out	exercise	I **work out** at the gym three times a week.
work out	be successful	Our plan **worked out** fine.
work *something* **out**	make a calculation	We have to **work out** the total cost before we buy the house.

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example
abide by	Respect or obey (the law, a decision, a rule)	*If you want to stay at this school, you must**abide by** the rules.*

account for	Explain; give a reason	*I hope you can **account for** the money you spent!*
act on	Take action as a result of something	*The police **acted on** the call they received.*
act up	Cause pain or annoyance by functioning badly	*Dad's poor knee is **acting up** again.*
add up	Make sense; seem reasonable	*Her story just doesn't **add up**.*
adhere to	Support; follow; act in accordance with	*All contestants must **adhere to** the rules.*
advise against	Recommend *not* doing something	*The doctor **advised** him **against** carrying heavy loads.*
agree with	Have the same opinion as someone else	*I **agree with** you. I think she deserves the award too.*
aim at	Direct towards a target	*The policeman **aimed** his gun **at** the hijacker.*
allow for	Take into consideration; Include in a calculation	*You'd better leave early to **allow for** heavy traffic.*
angle at	Show from a particular point of view.	*The documentary was **angled at** young viewers.*
angle for	Try to obtain something by hinting.	*I suspect Tom's **angling for** a free ticket.*
answer back	Reply rudely	*Don't **answer back** your mother!*
answer for	1) Be responsible for something. 2) Speak on behalf of someone.	*1) Normally parents have to **answer for** their children's behaviour.* *2) I agree, but I can't **answer for** my associate.*
answer to	Be responsible to/be controlled by (someone)	*Who do you **answer to** in your job?*
appeal to	1)Plead or make an earnest request. 2) Be attractive or interesting.	*1) The organizers **appealed to** the crowd to stay calm.* *2) Camping doesn't **appeal to** me.*
apply for	Make a formal request for something (job, permit, loan, etc.)	*He **applied for** the job advertised.*
arrive at	Reach (an agreement, a decision, a conclusion)	*It is hoped that they will **arrive at** an agreement at the end of the meeting..*
ask after	Enquire about someone's well-being.	*My mother is always **asking after** you.*
ask around	Mention it to people you see or meet.	*I'll **ask around** and see if anyone has seen your cat.*
ask out	Invite someone to lunch, dinner, the cinema ...	*John has **asked** Mary **out** several times.*
avail (oneself) of	Take advantage of something (an opportunity)	*When the company is privatized, you should**avail yourself of** the opportunity and buy some shares.*
Phrasal Verb	Meaning	*Example*
back away	Move backwards, in fear or dislike	*When he saw the dog, he backed away.*
back down	Withdraw; concede defeat.	*Local authorities backed down on their plans to demolish the cinema.*

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back off	Retreat, abandon an intention.	*The thugs backed off when they saw the police.*
back up	1) Give support or encouragement 2) make a copy of (file, program...)	*1) If I tell the boss we've got too much work, will you back me up?* *2) It is recommended to back up all files.*
bail out	1) Pay money to secure someone's release 2) Rescue from financial difficulties	*1) When he was arrested, his family refused to bail him out.* *2) The government bailed out the bank.*
band together	Unite in a group.	*Consumers banded together to protest against the measures.*
bank on	Base your hopes on something/someone.	*Don't forget the date. I'm banking on your help.*
bargain for	Expect; be prepared for.	*The interview was more difficult than he hadbargained for.*
bear out	Confirm	*The other witnesses will bear out my testimony.*
beef up	Improve or make more substantial	*He beefed up his presentation with diagrams and statistics.*
black out	Faint; lose consciousness	*When he fell off the horse, he blacked out.*
block off	Separate using a barrier.	*The area was blocked off during the demonstration.*
blow up	1) Explode. 2) Be destroyed by an explosion.	*1) The terrorists said the bomb would blow up at 9 o'clock.* *2) The car blew up but luckily there was nobody in it.*
boil down to	Be summarized as	*The problem boils down to a lack of money.*
boot up	Start a computer by loading an operating system or program.	*Just give me a few minutes to boot up the computer.*
break away	Escape from captivity.	*A few horses broke away from the paddock.*
break down	1) Go out of order, cease to function. 2) Lose control of one's emotions.	*1) John's car broke down on the way to the airport.* *2) The parents broke down when they heard the bad news.*
break into	Enter by force.	*The burglars broke into the house around midnight.*
break off	1) Stop, discontinue 2) Stop speaking	*1) It was decided to break off diplomatic relations with that country.* *2) She broke off in the middle of a sentence.*
break out	Start suddenly.	*Rioting broke out as a result of the strike.*
break out of	Escape from a place by force.	*Three prisoners broke out of jail.*
break up	Come to an end (marriage, relationship...)	*After her marriage broke up, Emma went to live in London.*
bring up	Raise (a child).	*She stopped working in order to bring up her*

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		children.
brush up on	Improve, refresh one's knowledge of something.	*Mary decided to brush up on her Spanish before going to South-America.*
bump into	Meet by accident or unexpectedly.	*Pedro bumped into his English teacher at the supermarket.*
burn out	1) Stop (something) working 2) Become exhausted from overworking	*1) The fuse has burnt out.* *2) Tom will burn himself out if he doesn't slow down.*
butt in (on)	Interrupt impolitely.	*It's rude to butt in on a conversation.*
Phrasal Verb	Meaning	*Example*
call back	Return a phone call	*I'll call you back as soon as possible.*
call off	Cancel	*The meeting was called off because of the strike.*
call on/upon	Formally invite or request.	*I now call upon the President to address the assembly.*
calm down	Become more relaxed or less angry/upset.	*He was angry at first, but he eventually calmed down.*
carry on	Continue.	*He carried on gardening in spite of the rain.*
carry out	1) Do something as specified (plan, order, threat...) 2) Perform or conduct (test, experiment ...)	*1) The plan was carried out to perfection.* *2) Tests are carried out to determine the efficiency of a new drug.*
carry over	Postpone until later.	*As regards holidays, can we carry over days from one year to the next?*
catch up on	Acquire information you have missed.	*I must call by mother to catch up on the latest family events.*
catch up with	Reach the same stage as someone else.	*I've missed some classes so I'll have to work hard to catch up with the others.*
check in	Register at a hotel or airport.	*For security reasons, you have to check in two hours before your flight.*
check out	1) Pay one's bill and leave (a hotel) 2) Investigate or verify.	*1) Is Mr. Bush still at the hotel? No, he checked out this morning.* *2) I don't know if the address is still valid. I'll check it out.*
cheer up	Put someone in a better mood.	*I told her a joke to try and cheer her up.*
clam up	Refuse to speak.	*When the teacher arrived, she clammed up.*
clamp down on	Act strictly to prevent something.	*The government decided to clamp down onsmoking in public areas.*
close down	Stop operating (company, restaurant, cinema ...)	*When the factory closed down, the employees lost their jobs.*
come across	1) Find by chance. 2) Appear, seem, make an impression.	*1) Julie came across some photographs of her grandparents in the attic.* *2) The candidate came across as a dynamic person during the interview.*

come forward	Present oneself.	*The police have asked any witnesses to come forward.*
come up against	Be faced with or opposed by.	*The project came up against a lot of criticism.*
come up with	Produce an idea or plan.	*Sacha came up with a great idea for the party.*
conk out	1) Stop working. 2) Stop or fall asleep (from exhaustion).	*1) The car conked out on the motorway.* *2) He was so exhausted, he conked out in front of the TV.*
count on	Rely or depend on.	*I'm counting on the taxi driver to find the theatre.*
cross out	Remove by drawing a line through.	*In some exercises you are asked to cross out the incorrect word.*
cut down on	Reduce in number or size.	*The doctor told him to cut down on cigarettes.*
cut out	1) Remove using scissors. 2) Stop doing something.	*1) She cut out a picture in a magazine.* *2) I'm going to cut out eating sweet food.*
Phrasal Verb	Meaning	*Example*
deal with	Handle, take care of (problem, situation)	*The manager is good at dealing with difficult customers.*
die down	Calm down, become less strong.	*When the applause died down, she started to sing.*
dig into	1) Try to find deep inside something. 2) Start to do something. 3) Take from something.	*1) He dug into his pocket and found a coin.* *2) It was time to dig into the work that had accumulated on her desk.* *3) Dad had to dig into his savings to repair the roof.*
dig up	1) Break up the soil/remove by digging. 2) Discover or reveal information.	*1) He tried to dig up the tree by its roots.* *2) Some newspapers often try to dig upscandalous information.*
dish out	Distribute or give away a lot.	*He spent the day dishing out invitations to tourists.*
dispense with	Decide to do without something.	*I'm afraid you'll have to download it. They've dispensed with the paper version.*
do away with	Get rid of; abolish.	*Some people think it's time to do away with the monarchy.*
do over	Clean or redecorate.	*My parents will need to do over their living-room soon. The paintwork needs refreshing.*
do up	Fasten (a garment)	*Good boy Alex! You know how to do up your coat now!*

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do without	Manage without.	*The shops are closed so we'll have to do without sugar.*
drag on	Last longer than expected.	*We expected a short speech but it dragged onand on!*
drag out	1) Make something longer than necessary. 2) Make someone reveal or give information unwillingly.	*1) Let's decide now and not drag out this discussion.* *2) The police finally dragged out a confession from the suspect.*
draw up	Write (contract, agreement, document).	*An agreement as drawn up and signed by the two parties.*
dress up	1) Wear elegant clothes. 2) Disguise oneself.	*1) Do people dress up to go to the opera in your country?* *2) Children love to dress up at Halloween.*
drift apart	Become less and less close.	*We were childhood friends but we drifted apartover the years.*
drift off	Gradually fall asleep.	*He sat back, closed his eyes and drifted off.*
drive at	Insinuate; be trying to say.	*What exactly are you driving at?*
drop behind	Fall into a position behind others.	*Our sales have dropped behind those of our competitors.*
drop in	Visit, usually on the way somewhere.	*I sometimes drop in to see my grandparents on my way home from school.*
drop off	1) Deliver someone or something. 2) Fall asleep.	*1) I'll drop you off at the bus stop if you like.* *2) Granddad often drops off in front of the TV.*
drop out	Leave school without finishing.	*She decided to go to art school, then dropped out after the first term.*
drown out	Be louder in order to cover another sound.	*She turned up the music to drown out the noise of the children outside.*
Phrasal Verb	Meaning	*Example*
ease off/up	Reduce, become less severe or slow down (pain, traffic, work ...)	*After Christmas, the workload generally eases off.*
egg on	Encourage	*Egged on by his friends, the boy climbed over the wall.*
embark on/upon	Start or engage in	*She embarked on a career that lead her to fame.*
end in	Finish in a certain way / result in	*Their marriage ended in divorce.*
end up	Finally reach a state, place or action	*If he continues his misconduct, he'll end up in prison.*
even out	1) Eliminate differences of opinion. 2) Become level or regular	*1) After a long discussion they managed toeven out their differences.* *2) The road was evened out to make it safer.*
explain	Find an excuse or plausible explanation	*How are you going to explain away the*

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away		*missing money?*

face up (to)	Accept ad deal with something unpleasant.	*Sam will have to **face up** to the fact that Jenny is not in love with him.*
fall behind	Fail to maintain a certain level	*She **fell behind** at school and had to study harder.*
fall through	Fail / does not happen	*Our planned boat trip **fell through** because of the storm.*
figure out	Understand / find the answer	*I'm trying to **figure out** how to assemble the wardrobe.*
fill out	Complete (a form/application)	*Please **fill out** the enclosed form and send it back as soon as possible.*
find out	Discover or obtain information	*I'm going to call the cinema to **find out** what time the film starts.*
fit in (with)	Feel comfortable or be in harmony with	*He just doesn't fit in with the others.*
fizzle out	Gradually end	*Over the years their friendship **fizzled out.***
focus on	Concentrate on something	*The advertising campaign will focus on the quality of the product.*
fold in	Mix one ingredient with another.	***Fold in** the eggs with the sugar.*
freak out	Panic or go crazy	*She nearly **freaked out** when she saw the colour of her hair. It was a disaster!*
frown on/upon	Disapprove	*My parents always **frowned on** smoking.*
fuss over	Pay excessive attention to	*She's always **fussing over** her grandson.*
Phrasal Verb	Meaning	*Example*
get about/around	1) Move from place to place 2) Spread, circulate	*1) It's not easy to get around the city without a map.* *2) News of their separation soon got about.*
get along (with)	Be on good terms / work well with.	*I get along (well) with my mother-in-law.*
get at	Imply	*What exactly are you trying to get at?*
get away	Escape	*The robbers got away in a black car.*
get by (on)	Manage to cope or to survive.	*It's difficult to get by on a low salary.*
get down to	Start to actually do something.	*It's time to get down to some serious work!*
get in	Enter	*How did the burglar get in?*
get into (+ noun)	Enter	*How did the burglar get into the house?*
get off	1) Leave (bus, train, plane).	*1) Get off the bus at Trafalgar Square.* *2) She's trying to get off the stain.*

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	2) Remove from something.	
get on	Board (bus, train, plane)	*You can pay when you get on the bus.*
get on with	Continue to do something / make progress	*Be quiet and get on with your homework.*
get on (well) with	Have a good relationship with	*I get on very well with my colleagues.*
get out	Leave	*How did he get out?*
get out of (+noun)	Leave	*How did he get out of the house?*
get out of (+verb)	Avoid doing something	*Some husbands manage to get out of doing any housework.*
get over	Recover from (illness, disappointment)	*Charlie had the 'flu but he got over it.*
get rid of	Eliminate	*It's difficult to get rid of old habits.*
get round (to)	Find the necessary time to do something.	*I finally got round to making the list that I promised.*
get together	Meet each other	*Let's get together for lunch one day.*
get up	Rise / leave bed	*I usually get up at 7 o'clock.*
give away	1) Give something free of charge. 2) Reveal something.	*1) He gave away most of his paintings.* *2) The names of the witnesses will not begiven away.*
give back	Return something to its owner.	*He promised to give back the money he borrowed..*
give up	Stop ing something.	*Sarah gave up smoking five years ago.*
gloss over	Treat something briefly so as to avoid embarrassing details.	*The director glossed over the recent drop in sales.*
go along (with)	Agree with; accept.	*Alex tends to go along with anything his wife says.*
go back	Return	*Children go back to school after the holidays.*
go away	1) Leave a place 2) Disappear / fade	*1) We decided to go away for a few days.* *2) The stain still hasn't gone away.*
go in	Enter	*There's a bakery. Let's go in and buy some bread.*
go into (+ noun)	Go inside	*Go into the bakery and see if they sell croissants.*
go into (+ noun)	Join or enter a profession or organization.	*He decided to go into the army when he left school.*
go in for	Have something as an interest or hobby.	*She doesn't really go in for sports.*
go out	Leave one's home to	*Many young people go out a lot.*

	attend a social event.	
go (out) with	Have someone as a boyfriend/girlfriend.	*Is Julie going (out) with Tom?*
go through	Experience.	*Pete went through a lot of pain after the accident.*
go with/together	Match; harmonize (with)	*The curtains don't go with the carpet.* *The curtains and carpet don't go together.*
grow up	Spend one's childhood / become an adult	*He grew up in a small village in the mountains.*
Phrasal Verb	Meaning	*Example*
hand back	Return	*She read the article and then handed it back.*
hand down	Pass on (by tradition, inheritance...)	*My clothes were handed down to me by my older sister.*
hand in	Submit (report, homework)	*All application forms must be handed in before the end of the month.*
hand out	Distribute	*Samples will be handed out at the end of the demonstration.*
hand over	Give to someone in authority.	*The boy was forced to hand over the mobile phone he had stolen.*
hang back	Be reluctant to do something	*All the children rushed towards the clown except one boy who hung back.*
hang on	Wait	*Hang on a minute. I'm early ready.*
hang on (to)	Keep a hold on something	*Hang on to that rope and you'll be ok.*
hang out	Spend time in a particular place or with a group of friends	*Where does he hang out these days?* *Who does he hang out with?*
hang up	End a telephone conversation	*Don't hang up. I haven't finished yet.*
head off	Start to go somewhere.	*He headed off to the train station.*
head for	Go/move in a certain direction.	*The boat was heading for the rocks.*
hit at	Aim a blow at something.	*He hit at the wasp with a newspaper.*
hit back	Retaliate / reply to an attack	*When he was attacked, the boy hit back.*
hit on/upon	Find unexpectedly or by inspiration	*She hit upon an idea for her new collection.*
hold on	1) Wait 2) Grip tightly	*1) Hold on please. I'll put you through to Mr. Brown.* *2) She held on to the railing as she crossed the bridge.*
hold up	Show as a example	*She held up the diagram for all to see.*
hook up	Fasten (a garment)	*I need help to hook up my dress.*
hook up	Link broadcasting	*Many networks are hooked up by satellite.*

(with)	facilities	
hurry up	Be quick / act speedily	*Hurry up! We'll miss the bus!*
Phrasal Verb	Meaning	*Example*
idle away	Waste time doing nothing much.	*He idles away hours every day watching television.*
iron out	Resolve by discussion/ eliminate differences	*The meeting tomorrow will be an opportunity toiron out difficulties.*
impose on/upon	Ask too much of someone.	*Is it alright if I stay?* *I don't want to impose upon your hospitabity.*
improve on/upon	Make better	*The runner improved on his previous performance.*
indulge in	Allow yourself to enjoy something	*Ive been dieting all week but today I'm going toindulge in a dessert.*
insure against	Guarantee compensation for damage etc.	*The house is insured against fire.*
invite out	Ask someone to join you for lunch, dinner, etc.	*Harry invited her out for dinner.*

join in	Participate	*She was too shy to **join in** the game.*
join up	1) Engage in, become a member of 2) Meet and unite with	*1) John was in the army and Tom **joined up** as soon as he left school.* *2) The two groups of tourists **joined up** at the hotel.*
jot down	Take quick notes	*I **jotted down** the address while watching the programme on TV.*

keep back	Retain / force to stay back	*A barrier was installed to **keep back** the fans.*
keep on	Continue doing something	*I told him to be quiet but he **kept on** making noise.*
keep up with	Stay at the same level as someone or something	*Bill walks so fast it's difficult to **keep up with** him.*
kneel down	Go down on your knees	*Most people **kneel down** to pray.*
kick off	Begin, start	*The football match **kicked off** at 3 p.m.*
knock back	Drink quickly (usually alcohol)	*He **knocked back** a pint of beer and left.*
knock down	Strike someone or something to the ground.	*The child was **knocked down** by a car.* *The tree was **knocked down** during the storm*
knock	Cause someone to fall unconscious.	*The boxer was **knocked out** in the first round.*

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know of	have heard of / have knowledge about	*Do you **know of** anyone else attending the conference?*

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laugh off	Make light of something / minimize	*He **laughed off** the unflattering review of his latest book.*
lay off	Fire, dismiss, let go	*Many factories have had to **lay off** workers.*
leaf through	Turn over pages quickly	*She **leafed through** a magazine in the waiting room.*
leak out	Become known (information)	*News of the planned merger **leaked out.***
leave out	Omit / not mention	*Tom's name was **left out** of the report.*
let down	Disappoint	*You promised to come to the party, so don't **let** me**down**!*
light up	Illuminate	*1) I watched the floodlights **light up** the castle.* *2) Her face always **lights up** when she sees her grandson.* *3) The screen **lights up** when you turn on a computer.*
line up	Stand in a row.	*The books were **lined up** neatly on the shelves.*
live through	Experience something and survive	*My grandparents **lived through** two wars.*
liven up	Make something livelier or more attractive.	*We need to **liven up** the presentation somehow.*
log in/on	Access a program or database using a password.	*You need to **log in** to your account before you use the services.*
log off	End access to a database.	***Log off** the system and then turn off the computer.*
look after	Take care of	*A baby sitter **looks after** the children when their parents go out.*
look ahead	Think of the future	*It's time to forget the past and **look ahead.***
look down on	Consider as inferior	*He tends to **look down on** anyone who is not successful.*
look into	Examine or investigate.	*I'll **look into** the matter and call you back.*
look on	Be a spectator at an event	*Billy didn't take part in the fight. He just **looked on.***
look for	Try to find something	*Jane went shopping to **look for** a pair of shoes.*
look forward to	Await or anticipate with pleasure	*I **look forward to** seeing you soon.*
look up to	Admire	*He was a wonderful teacher and many students**looked up to** him.*
lose out on/to	Be unsuccessful / suffer a loss	*I'm the one who'll **lose out** if our plan goes wrong.*

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make fun of	Laugh at / make jokes about	*The old lady dresses so strangely that the children **make fun of** her.*
make off with	Steal and hurry away	*He **made off with** my briefcase while I was checking the timetable.*
make up	Invent (excuse, story)	*Some employees **make up** excuses when they arrive late for work.*
make up (with)	End a quarrel	*It's time to shake hands and **make up.***
make up for	Compensate for	*With hard work I can **make up for** the days I was absent.*
miss out (on)	Lose an opportunity to do something.	*If you leave before Saturday you'll **miss out**on the party.*
mix up	Mistake one thing or person for another	*I don't know the members' names yet. I tend to **mix** them **up***
move in	Arrive in a new home or office	*You've bought a new house? When are you**moving in**?*
move out	Leave your home/office for another one.	*My neighbour is leaving. He's **moving out**next Saturday.*

nail down	Make someone say something precisely	*He promised to come but we'll have to **nail**him **down** to a date.*
name after	Give the same name as another person	*William was named after his grandfather.*
narrow down	Reduce a list or a number of options.	*The list of suspects has been **narrowed down**to three people.*
nod off	Fall asleep	*My grandfather often **nods off** in front of the television.*
nose about/around	Try to discover by searching.	*I don't like people **nosing around** my desk.*
note down	Write something down	*I'll call the station and **note down** the departure times.*

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opt out	Leave a system or decide not to participate	*I enjoy tennis but I'm so busy I had to **opt out** of the tournament.*
own up	Admit or confess something	*The boy **owned up.** He said he kicked the ball through the window.*

pass away	Die	*The old lady **passed away** peacefully.*
pass on	Transmit	*Don't forget to **pass on** the information.*
pass out	Faint / lose consciousness	*She **passed out** when she heard the bad news.*
pay back	Reimburse	*I will lend you 20€ provided you **pay** me**back** before the end of the week.*
pick on	Choose someone to blame, punish, bully,	*The other children were always **picking on** Charlie*

	etc.	*because of his red hair.*
pick out	Select; choose	*Will you help me **pick out** a handbag to go with my outfit?*
pick up	Learn	*Children are quick to **pick up** a new language.*
pick up	Collect; give someone a lift	*James is coming to **pick** me **up** at 8 o'clock.*
play up	Cause pain or discomfort.	*My stomach is starting to **play up** again after all that heavy food.*
play up	Emphasize or make something seem more important.	*He always **plays up** his achievements.*
play down	Minimize or make something appear less important	*The government **played down** the gravity of the situation.*
pop across/over/ down/out	Come or go quickly in the direction specified	*She **popped over** to visit her mother after lunch.*
pop in	Make a brief visit	*He sometimes **pops in** for a cup of coffee.*
pop up	Arise, occur	*The question **popped up** during the meeting.*
pull through	Overcome difficulties or illness	*My grandmother caught pneumonia but she **pulled through**.*
put away	Return something to its normal place after using it.	*Please **put away** the dictionary when you've finished using it.*
put off	Postpone / arrange a later date	*The meeting was **put off** because of the strike.*
put on	Turn on / switch on	*Could you **put on** the light please?*
put on	Wear a garment or piece of clothing.	***Put on** your coat - it's getting cold.*
put out	Extinguish	*It took a long time to **put out** the fire.*
put (yourself) out	Go to a lot of trouble / be inconvenienced.	*Please don't **put yourself out** for us.*
put (something) out	Leave/place someting outside the house.	*Don't forget to **put out** the dustbin.*
put through	Connect two people (on the telephone)	*I'll **put** you **through** to Mr. Brown.*
put up	Accommodate / give someone a bed	*We can **put** you **up** if you'd like to come for the week-end.*
put up with	Tolerate	*I don't know how you can **put up with** all the noise.*
pick up	Collect somebody	*I'll **pick** you **up** at the station.*
point out	Indicate / direct attention to something	*The teacher **pointed out** the mistake.*

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reel off	Recite without effort or pause	*She amazed everyone by **reeling off** all the phrasal verbs she had learned.*
rely on	Count on / depend on / trust	*Don't worry. You can **rely on** me. I can keep a secret.*
rub out	Erase	*Write it in pencil so that you can **rub** it **out.***
rule out	Eliminate	*The police **ruled out** political motives.*
run away	Escape from a place or suddenly leave	*He **ran away** from home at the age of fourteen.*
run into	Meet by accident or unexpectedly (also : **bump** into)	*Sophie **ran into** Maria at the shopping centre.*
run out of	Have no more of something	*What a nuisance! I've **run out of** coffee.*

set off	Start a journey	*Early Saturday morning we **set off** for the ski slopes.*
set up	Start a business	*She **set up** her own company 10 years ago.*
settle for	Accept something not quite satisfactory.	*I was hoping for a better proposal but I'll **settlefor** the amount you offer.*
shop around	Compare prices	*It's always wise to **shop around** before buying anything.*
show off	Brag or want to be admired	*There's David **showing off** in his new sports car!*
show up	Appear / arrive	*We expected William to come but he didn't **show up.***
shut up (impolite)	Be silent, stop talking	*Oh **shut up** you idiot!*
sign away	Give up one's rights or ownership	*He **signed away** his property and joined a religious community.*
sign in	Register (e.g. at a hotel)	*Let's go and eat as soon as we've **signed in.***
sign out	Pay your bill and leave (e.g. a hotel)	*He **signed out** and left for the airport.*
sign over (to)	Transfer ownership of something	*He **signed over** the house to his two children.*
sign up (for)	Enroll in an activity	*Emma **signed up** for a computer course.*
sign up (with)	Sign an agreement to work for somebody	*Paul has **signed up** with a news agency.*
single out	Select for special attention	*Two boys were **singled out** for extra coaching.*
sink in	To be fully understood	*It took a while for the scale of the disaster to **sink in**.*
sit down	Take a seat	*Please come in and **sit down.***
sleep in	Sleep later than usual	*Tomorrow's Saturday, so I can **sleep in**!*
sober up	Get rid of the effects of too much alcohol	*Jack went for a long walk to **sober up.***
stand up	Rise from a sitting position	*The pupils **stood up** when the headmaster arrived.*
stick up for	Defend	*It's important to **stick up for** one's principles.*
Phrasal Verb	Meaning	*Example*
take after	Resemble in appearance or character	*Jamie really takes after his dad.*
take apart	Dismantle or separate the	*The technician has to take the machine apartin order to repair*

	components	*it.*
take away	Buy food at a restaurant and carry it elsewhere to eat it.	*Two beef curries to take away please.*
take away	Cause something to disappear	*The doctor gave me tablets to take away the pain.*
take back	Agree to receive back/ be returned.	*We will take back goods only if you can produce the receipt.*
take back	Retract or withdraw something said	*I take back what I said about cheating.*
take care of	Look after	*I'll take care of your plants while you're away.*
take off	Leave the ground	*The plane took off at 7 o'clock.*
take in	Allow to stay in one's home	*She's always taking in stray cats and dogs!*
take in	Note with your eyes and register.	*She took in every detail of her rival's outfit.*
take in	Understand what one sees, hears or reads / realize what is happening.	*The man immediately took in the scene and called the police.*
take on	Hire or engage staff	*Business is good so the company is taking one extra staff.*
take out	Remove / extract	*She took out a pen to note the address.*
take out	Invite someone to dinner, the theatre, cinema, etc.	*He took her out for a meal on her birthday.*
talk into	Persuade someone to do something	*I talked John into buying a new car.*
talk out of	Persuade someone not to do something	*I tried to talk Amy out of leaving her job.*
tell off	Reprimand / criticize severely	*The teacher told her off for not doing her homework.*
test out	Carry out an experiment	*The theory hasn't been tested out yet.*
think over	Consider	*I'll have to think over the proposal before I decide.*
throw away	Discard as useless or unwanted.	*You can throw away that book - it's a load of rubbish!*
throw up	Vomit / be sick	*I nearly threw up when I saw the injured passengers.*
tire out	Exhaust completely	*The children tired out their grandmother.*
touch down	Land on the runway	*The plane touched down exactly on time.*
toy with	Think about, without serious intent	*I've been toying with the idea of starting to walk to work.*
track down	Find by searching	*The police finally tracked down the main suspect.*
trade in	Give as part payment for a new article.	*I traded in my car for a new model.*
try on	Put on or wear something to see if it suits or fits	*I'm not sure about the size. Can I try it on?*
turn away	Refuse entrance to someone	*Lacs of fans were turned away from the football stadium.*
turn down	1)Lower the volume. 2)Refuse	*1)Please turn down the music; it's tooloud.* *2) I couldn't turn down an offer like that!*
turn off	Stop by turning a switch, tap or knob.	*Turn off the lights please before you leave.*
turn up	1) Arrive, appear	*1) She turned up an hour late.*

	2) Raise the volume	*2) Could you turn up the radio please?*
Phrasal Verb	Meaning	*Example*
use up	Finish a product (so that there's none left)	*The kids have used up all the toothpaste.*

vie with	Compete or rival with someone	*The athletes **vied with** each other for first place.*
vouch for	Express confidence in, or guarantee something	*You can give the keys to Andy. I can **vouch for**him.*

ward off	Keep away or repel (something dangerous or unpleasant).	*I take plenty of vitamin C to **ward off c**olds.*
warm up	1) Reheat something. 2) Make more lively or more relaxed.	*1) She **warmed up** some left-over soup.* *2) He told a few jokes to **warm up** the atmosphere.*
wash up	Wash the dishes after a meal.	*Who's going to help me **wash up**?*
watch out	Be careful	***Watch out**! There's a car coming.*
water down	1) Dilute or make weaker by adding water 2) Make less severe	*1) If you **water down** the medicine it will be easier to take.* *2) He **watered down** his remarks so as not to offend anyone.*
wear out	1) Become unusable 2) Become very tired	*1) Julie **wore out** her shoes sightseeing.* *2) At the end of the day Julie was **worn out.***
whip up	Prepare quickly.	*I can **whip up** something to eat if you're hungry.*
wolf down	Eat greedily and quickly.	*The boys **wolfed down** the whole cake in no time!*
work out	1) Do physical exercise 2) Find a solution or calculate something	*1) I **work out** twice a week at the gym club.* *2) It's expensive but I haven't **worked out** the exact cost yet.*
wind up	Finish or put an end to something	*- Before **winding up** his speech he thanked everyone for their presence.* *- He decided to **wind up** his business and retire.*
wind up	Arrive finally in a place.	*We finally **wound up** in a village with a spectacular view.*
wipe off	Clean (board, table)	*The teacher asked Lee to **wipe off** the board.*

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